

Bulova Byline

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As the first week of August approaches, I'm glad to report on some positive progress toward the resolution of the **Rail to Dulles** impasse. At a meeting of Dulles Rail stakeholders earlier this week at the office of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, **all partners were able to agree in concept to a strategy to reduce the overall cost of the Phase II project.** I was able to provide a "sense of the Board" regarding our Board's reaction to a briefing by FTA Administration Peter Rogoff at our Board meeting of July 12th.

While our Board has not yet taken a vote regarding the proposal for modifications to costs and cost sharing arrangements for the Dulles Rail Project, I believe, based on our discussion, that Fairfax can be supportive of the proposal with some modifications. Our Board very much appreciates the Secretary's efforts toward mediating a resolution to the conflict.

Mr. LaHood's proposal reduces the cost from (\$3.8 billion to \$2.8 billion) for extending rail from the Wiehle Avenue station in Reston through a number of Value Engineering aspects of the proposal, including shifting a more expensive underground station at Dulles Airport to one that is above ground and adjacent to the North Garage. I walked this area several months ago to test how passenger convenience might be impacted by this change. [See this video](#) which demonstrates what I believe provides a reasonably comfortable experience for riders of the Silver Line bound for flights at the Dulles airport terminal.

Other elements of the proposal involve having the cost for Phase II garages funded outside of the original funding plan. Both Loudoun and Fairfax Counties are exploring ways to accomplish this in a way that is affordable. I am hopeful that assuming the cost of the garages is feasible and could be included in the final structure of a new cost allocation arrangement, especially with the offer of TIFIA (a Federal financing mechanism) assistance.

Only Fairfax County is being asked to assume the full cost of a station (Route 28 Station) and this is problematic. The Route 28 Station will serve **both Fairfax and Loudoun Counties.** Furthermore, the north side entrance pavilion will connect with land owned by the State (Center for Innovative Technology) and will provide the State with significant development opportunities.

On Tuesday, July 26th, I will ask my Board to authorize the County Executive to work with Secretary LaHood, Loudoun County and our State partners to examine options for financing the Route 28 station in a way that is fair to all partners. *Rail to Dulles continues to be Fairfax County's number one transportation priority and the Board remains committed to completing the Project in a timely and cost effective manner.*

I hope you will take some time during the next weeks to enjoy some of the fun things our County has to offer! See inside this issue of the Byline for some great summertime opportunities.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova

Primary Elections Scheduled for Aug. 23



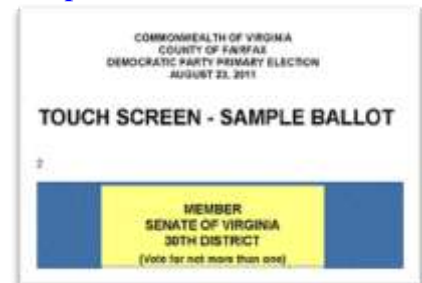
Primary elections are being held on **Tuesday, August 23**. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 7:00pm. Registration deadline is Monday, August 1. If you are registered at your current address, you do not need to register again. If you would like to vote in the primary but cannot make it to the polls on August 23, [absentee voting](#) is available. You may request an absentee ballot by mail by completing and mailing this form, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/vaapprev72010form.pdf>, by **August 16**.

Absentee votes can also be cast in person at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Parkway in Fairfax, Suite 323, **through August 20**. In-person voting is available from 8am to 4:30pm on Monday - Wednesday, from 8am to 7pm on Thursdays, and from 9 to 5 on **Saturday, August 20**. If you have any questions about absentee ballots, absentee voting or the primary elections, please contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

With the changes from redistricting in place, make sure you know if the changes affected you by visiting the helpful online tools below. **The info on these sites is current and reflects the new districts for the 2011 elections.**

On the Fairfax County website, you can:

- Identify your precinct and locate your polling place and local leaders:
(<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gisapps/myneighborhood/myndefault.aspx>)
 1. Enter your Address
 2. Click "Search"
 3. Click "View Full Report"
- View candidates, sample ballots and full election schedule
(<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm>)



On the State Board of Elections website, you can:

- Check voter registration status, find out what's on your ballot, and locate your polling place:
<https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registrationx>

Public Hearing on Mason Precinct, Polling Location July 26

On Tuesday, July 26, our Board will hold a public hearing on the plan to create a new precinct and on-campus polling location for George Mason University. Students and faculty (and anyone interested) have the opportunity to speak at this 5pm hearing, and I hope to see you there!

An on-campus polling location and new campus precinct would ensure that Mason students, faculty, administration and staff would be fairly represented at the polls well into the future. The growth the campus is experiencing, with 7500 new on-campus residential units planned for the next five years, requires new services like on-campus voting. The new polling location and precinct would also meet the desires of Mason students, who have long advocated for a more convenient and easily accessible place. We want the students and employees of George Mason, especially those living on-campus, to feel like they are part of the Fairfax County community.

Free Entertainment in Fairfax County's Parks

The Fairfax County Park Authority, in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and with generous contributions from local businesses and corporations, presents a summer-long calendar of shows, concerts and movies appropriate for you and your family. These concerts, held in local parks are the perfect place to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the best local and regional entertainers. Best of all, they are **close to home and absolutely free!** Performances range from children's puppet shows to big band, jazz, bluegrass, rock, classical and world music. For those who love a classic, enjoy a nostalgic return to the good old days and the drive-in theatre where you can view classic movies on a large, outdoor screen from the comfort of your car.

Highlights:

- Bluegrass performance by Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper on **August 3 at Lee District Park Amphitheater**
- Tom Paxton's folk music on **August 5 at the Mason District Park Amphitheater**



More information:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2011

Join me in participating in the **28th Annual National Night Out** program on Tuesday, August 2nd. I will be visiting sites all across Fairfax County with Police Chief Dave Rohrer and I hope to see you out to raise awareness of crime prevention efforts, generate support for local anticrime programs, and let criminals know we are organized and we will fight back!

Last year over 37 million people in over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide participated in this event. National Night Out 2011 is expected to be the largest ever!



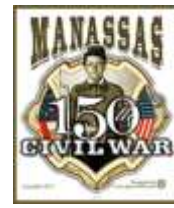
Installation Appreciation Day
Jul 23, Fort Belvoir
6050 Gorgas Road, Fort Belvoir, VA
11am-2pm
Contact: Ken Worthey
Phone: (703) 730-1800
Admission: Free!

The event will be located between the Fort Belvoir Commissary and Post Exchange. Join us as we celebrate the Fort Belvoir Military Installation and surrounding communities with prizes, food, music, and fun! Also, come out to see former football tight end Doc Walker and DC's Favorite Cheerleaders!



Carnival Fun
Aug 4 - 5, Frying Pan Farm Park
Recurring daily
2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(703) 437-9101

Free Children's Performances at 10 am, Delicious Fair Food, Farm Animals, Picnic Areas, Advanced Sales on Carnival Rides (ends July 29) - **Unlimited Rides - \$12.00 per person**, Same Day Sales- Unlimited Rides - \$20.00 per person, Wagon rides (reservations recommended) - \$3.00 per person, **Free Park Admission, Free Parking!** Conveniently located near the Dulles Toll Road, Fairfax County Parkway, Route 50 and Route 66. For directions: <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp>
Reserve space for your campers or group at 703-437-9101



150th Anniversary of the Battle of Manassas
Jul 21 - 24, Historic Manassas
Recurring daily
Phone: (703) 459-9397

Join us July 21 through July 24, 2011 to commemorate the 150th Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and the Battle of First Manassas (Bull Run) in Old Town Manassas, Virginia. This 4 day event will feature living history demonstrations, speakers, art, music, and many other historical commemorations and activities for the family. See site for complete details:

<http://manassascivilwar.org/planned-events/>



Take-A-Break Concert Series
To Aug 18, Lake Anne Village Center
Recurring weekly on Thursday
1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston, VA
Times: 7:00-9:00 PM
Contact: BeBe Nguyen
Phone: (703) 390-6145
Admission: FREE

Take a break from the heat & the work week to relax with live music, friends and neighbors. Guests may bring a picnic basket or enjoy one of the delicious restaurants in Lake Anne Village Center. Sponsored by The Reston Community Center. **July 21 - The Dirty Pints**
July 28 - Chris Vadala Band
August 4 - Sol y Rumba
August 11 - Iona
August 18 - Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet